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Washington, D.C. 20231

### RESPONSE

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed September 25, 2001, which acts on the merits of Applicant's Statutory Invention Registration as though it were a regular patent application.

Applicant filed this as a Request for Statutory Invention Registration. Please review Applicant's original submission, which included the Request for Statutory Invention Registration and the correct fee. It is submitted that Applicant complied with 35 U.S.C. §1.57 and that its Request for a Statutory Invention Registration ("SIR") should be examined according to 37 C.F.R. §1.294.

Withdrawal of this Office Action is requested, first because the application should not have been examined, and secondly, because Applicant does not intend to respond to the Office Action, as this is an SIR.

Instead, as Applicant has complied with all of the requirements for obtaining an SIR, it is requested that this Request proceed in that manner.



It is submitted that no additional fee is required for this Response as Applicant initially  
filed this as an Request for Statutory Invention Registration.

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